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News briefs

Don't drink and drive

Whether you didn't plan on drinking or the designated driver can't be found, driving after even only one beer or glass of wine can lead to disaster. Put down the keys and pick up a telephone instead and call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 0656561-2233 or Ride For Life at 06565-951010 or 06575-1010.

New commander

Lt. Col. Dale Takenaka recently assumed command of the 470th Air Base Squadron at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany.

USAFE IG rep visits

A representative for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General conducts personal conferences with members 2-4 p.m. July 13 at the Spangdahlem Air Base First Term Airman Center, building 128. All walk-ins will be seen, however, members with appointments will have priority. Call Master Sgt. Robert Martinez or Staff Sgt. Denise Brooks at 452-7330 or 452-6521 to schedule an appointment.

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Holiday hours

The following facilities close Wednesday for Independence Day.

■ Spangdahlem - Burger King, Anthony's Pizza, Popeyes, car care center, alterations, flower shop, SIXT car rental, service mart and Skyline theater.

■ Bitburg - Furniture store, Anthony's Pizza, service mart, Dold Exquisite and H&R Block.

Operating hours for other facilities are:

Spangdahlem

■ Army and Air Force Exchange Service Base Exchange, commissary, new car sales and Willi Geck - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Barber and beauty shops - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ BXtra and the filling station - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bitburg

■ Commissary - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ AAFES Base Exchange, car care center and photo processing - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Shoppette, Box Office Video, filling

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Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Force protection

Master Sgt. Calvin Howell, 52nd Security Forces Squadron training superintendent, directs a driver at the Spangdahlem Air Base main gate during a base force protection exercise June 22. The exercise tested the 52nd Fighter Wing's proficiency at working within heightened threat conditions.

NATO allies streak skies in multinational exercise

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Imagine bringing together the U.S. and 14 European nations to work in a combined military effort to plan and execute large composite air operations, flying together to destroy a target. Now, imagine doing this annually and you've summed up exercise Clean Hunter.

For the exercise, members of the 52nd Operations Group have teamed together with Italian Air Force AMX fighter pilots, flying out of Spangdahlem Air Base June 18 through today. Additionally, more than 250 aircraft from NATO and Partnership for Peace countries participated by flying from air bases throughout Europe.

"The exercise is a really big deal with the European community because of the size and number of units involved," Lt. Col. Stefano Dessaro, Italian Air Force 14th Squadron commander said. "We've had good international

interactions, as well as directly working with the 22nd, 23rd, the 81st and other squadrons in Germany ... We've seen a different side of the exercise by taking off from a different base and having to coordinate with many other aircraft including fighter jets, aerial refuelers and AWACS."

In addition to Spangdahlem AB F-16CJs and A-10s, other U.S. support includes 100th Air Refueling Wing KC-135s from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England; 48th Fighter Wing F-15s from RAF Lakenheath, England; 33rd Fighter Wing F-15s from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; 155th Air Refueling Wing KC-135Rs from the Nebraska Air National Guard; U.S. Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 142 and U.S. Army Europe military police customs. Participating European air forces include Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic,

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Remodeled units sport spouses ideas

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Changes are taking place all over Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex as funding rolls in. The evidence is everywhere - roads are torn up as new water lines providing additional safe drinking water are put down, a new dormitory on Memorial Drive is home to 108 airmen and building renovations continue in military housing.

Many of the renovations taking place were suggested by military spouses. In early autumn, base civil engineers sponsored a spouses housing tour where military family members were given the opportunity to share their ideas on ways of making Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex housing more user friendly.

"One suggestion for Spangdahlem housing was to change the wooden floors with ceramic tile floors and some

décor," said Lopez. "The suggestion was taken to heart and today some of the newer renovated units have beautiful, white ceramic floors."

Other renovations include modern kitchen and bathroom equipment and layout. Balconies are also being redone. Rather than the rectangular shape used

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Accidents

By Staff Sergeant Kassandra A. Watts
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

This week's accidents consisted of two major and twelve minor accidents.

The first major accident took place on the B-50 near the Dudeldorf turnoff. An American, traveling from the Bitburg Annex toward Spangdahlem Air Base, lost control of his vehicle on a left curve. The driver only sustained a minor abrasion. The vehicle sustained disabling damage. An investigation revealed the American fell asleep at the wheel.

The second major accident resulted from a few seconds of inattentive driving as the driver attempted to retrieve an item dropped between the car seats.

Of the twelve minor accidents reported:

- Four accidents occurred in parking lots
- Three accidents resulted from improper backing
- One was on B-50
- Two resulted from inattentive driving

There were a total of 62 citations issued this week with 31 for offenses on B-50.

"It may never be possible to completely eliminate speeding, unsafe driving or alcohol-related vehicle accidents, but it must be our constant goal," Maj. Larry Laird, 52nd Security Forces Squadron commander. "Drivers must bear in mind the worst that the worst time to make a decision regarding driving a vehicle is after they've had a drink."



Staff Sgt. Tim Cook

Plan of action

Left to right, Col. Ian O'Connell, 52nd Support Group commander, Master Sgt. Paul Salter and Tech. Sgt. Eric Garlow of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight and other members of an emergency response group develop a plan to defuse a simulated bomb during the base force protection exercise June 22. Soon after, an explosive ordnance disposal team put the plan into action, using a remote-controlled robot to defuse and dispose of the ordinance.

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Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

Similar to wartime, exercise Clean Hunter's simulated Combined Air Operations Center sends out daily Air Tasking Orders to various aerial support and flying units participating in the exercise. The ATO requests a specific type and number of aircraft to support a specified mission. Units deem if they can support the order as requested. If so, coordination between commanders of the

various Mission Planning Cells begin until the flying package is complete. A typical Clean Hunter flying package includes 20-30 aircraft from about six different countries, all converging together to meet a mission objective, such as destroying a target.

"Basically, the exercise is conducted to practice how we would go to war," said Capt. Steve Ramer of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron Weapons and Tactics Flight. "The flying is going very well and our ability to work with other NATO units has been excellent."

With so many diverse countries, all

units have to work closely with each other as unit commanders coordinate over the phone, patiently working out flying issues and concerns, Ramer explained. Everyone speaks English, the international language of aviation, and all planning and communication is done in accordance with NATO regulations, providing a uniform code of operational procedures.

"We've learned about some communications issues that needed to be worked," Ramer said. "It was a small stumbling block the first few days, but since we've worked it out, things are running smoothly."

Although some inspections have taken place, evaluating certain areas, the main point of the exercise is to practice NATO flying tactics and operations planning.

"It's a large exercise, which takes a lot of work to get ready for and units commit a lot of time to building these plans and then flying the missions," Ramer said. "But, when you see a package come together and it all works out, it's interesting."

Clean Hunter runs with and is linked to other land and sea exercises practicing combined planning and operations in Europe and the Baltic region.

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station, barber and beauty shops, new car sales and Burger King Express - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Optical shop and Willi Geck - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Unique gifts, GNC and Style Fashion -- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADC open house

To help educate the base on ADC services, as well as to introduce new defense team members, the Area Defense Council holds an open house 1-3 p.m. July 10 in building 151. For more information, call Capt. Ratna Contractor at 452-6607.

Facility hour changes

Burger King and Anthony's Pizza at Spangdahlem have changed their hours of operation. Burger King is now open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Anthony's Pizza is now open 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Rosie Schmitz at 452-9061.

No trespassing

Trespassing in and around the combat arms firing range

is not only illegal, but hazardous due to gunfire. The combat arms ranges, buildings 604 and 605, are located on Perimeter Road by the nature trail. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Robert Hammond at 452-6287.

Marquee letters

Public affairs asks units with letters for the marquee to return them to building 23 as soon as possible. Lately, a few messages couldn't be posted because of missing letters. For more information, call the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 452-6012.

Vehicle washing

The only authorized vehicle washing area on the Bitburg Annex is the services car wash near the gate. German environmental regulations deem the Bitburg area as a water protection zone; therefore, water pollutants, such as soaps, are to be used only in designated areas. Call the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight at 452-6082 for details.

Instructors wanted

The 52nd Communications Squadron seeks people with knowledge in Microsoft Office applications to instruct software-training programs. Classes include software installation and configuration; beginner and intermediate

Word, PowerPoint and Excel; beginner; intermediate and advanced Access; Hyper Text Markup Language; Web development; and FrontPage. Classes take place during regular duty hours. For more information, call the 52nd Fighter Wing Software Training Office at 452-5384.

Vehicle plates

The only authorized vehicle license plates are those issued by a U.S. Army Europe community field registry station (pass and registration at Spangdahlem Air Base). People with USAREUR motor vehicle registrations aren't authorized to replace the issued USAREUR plates with customized plates made by a local German plate manufacturer. Violators will receive a citation and have their plates confiscated. They also run the risk of having their registration cancelled. For more information, call DSN 386-7280.

AMC pet test

Air Mobility Command, in coordination with their commercial Patriot Express partners, hold a three-month test initiative that allows movement of pets and containers weighing up to 150 pounds on all AMC Patriot Express missions. The test is in effect now through the end of August. Those affected by this policy should call 452-6661 for more information.

Enjoy sizzling summer practicing BBQ safety

By Inge Lersch

Spangdahlem Air Base Fire Prevention Flight

As the Eifel 105.1 Days of Summer Surv-Eifel safety campaign continues and Team Eifel members "break out the Barbie," everyone can enjoy a sizzling summer without getting burned by heeding these hot tips.

When the time comes to haul out the grill, camping equipment and lawn mower, give some thought to this advice from the base fire department.

Keep barbecue grills far away from anything flammable, including the house, cars and dry vegetation. Stay with the grill while it's burning and keep children and pets well away from the area.

In case of emergency
Commercial
Fire: 2117
Police: 06565-61114
Ambulance: 19222

When barbecuing, protect yourself by wearing a heavy apron and an oven mitt that fits high up over the forearm. If you get burned, run cool water over the burn for 10 to 15 minutes. Don't fall for the old wives-tale of using butter or a salve on burns because they only seal in the heat, which often results in additional tissue damage. If you receive a serious burn where the skin is

charred, seek immediate medical attention.

Barbecue grills must never be used inside the home. In addition to the fire hazard of indoor grilling, they can also cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

For charcoal grills, only use approved starter fluids designed for barbecue grills. Never use gasoline.

Use a limited amount of starter fluid before lighting the fire. If the fire is too slow, rekindle with dry kindling and add more charcoal. Don't add liquid fuel to re-ignite or build up a fire. This may cause a flash fire and serious injury.

Soak the coals with water before you discard them and leave the grill away from the house until it's completely cool.

For gas grills, always store the gas cylinder outside and away from structures. Also, turn off the valves when not in use.

Check the bottle frequently for any leaks in connections by using a soap-and-water mix that will show bubbles as gas escapes. When purchasing a gas grill, select one bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow manufacturer's instructions, and if needed, have it repaired by a trained professional.

By following these quick and simple steps, we can all keep summer activities fun and fire-safe. For more information on barbecue safety or other fire safety topics, call the fire prevention section at 452-5292 or 452-5297.

Housing

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before, a new convex-shaped balcony is being added which offers more space for a patio table and a barbecue grill.

Currently, seven Bitburg Annex housing units are undergoing renovations scheduled for completion in April. Another four Spangdahlem AB housing units are scheduled for completion in early August and two more in December. The first Bitburg Annex building with the new balcony should be completed by April.

Spangdahlem AB housing unit attics are also being gutted and renovated so building occupants can use the space for meetings or additional storage. Building leaders will determine the use of the attic space, said Lopez.

Spangdahlem AB unit basements are also being renovated with new flooring and painted walls, offering more meeting or indoor recreational space.

As renovations are done, base housing staff offers newly assigned families renovated units. Then, as people move out of unremodeled units, to help reduce the need of having to move families from quarters to quarters later, housing leaves the units vacant until all the remodeling in that particular building is complete.

However, when families must make a quarters-to-quarters move, those costs are covered under government expense, said Mary Lopez, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Flight chief.

"Additionally, the government pays for one telephone and cable hook up per unit," Lopez explained. "Because the newer unit may have less floor space than their former home, storage of larger furnishings, such as a large wall unit, is also provided at government expense."

Because May through August is the local peak PCS season, contractors are especially busy picking up and delivering temporary furnishings. People making quarters-to-quarters moves or PCSing should call ahead before their personal furnishings pick up date so contractors can deliver the temporary furnishings in time. Not doing so may mean having to live without furnishings until the temporary ones arrive.

"This is only because it's the peak season with people PCSing in and out of the base," Lopez said. "In addition to the fact we're having to move people from quarters to quarters due to building renovations."

The base housing office is also working on a virtual base housing Web site offering newcomers a sneak peak into base accommodations. The site should be online next year.

"If you're coming from Maxwell AFB, and you want to know what housing is like on Spangdahlem AB, you'll be able to log on this Web site and look at the housing floor plan in a three-dimensional program," Lopez said.



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Spangdahlem Air Base newly remodeled units feature suggestions made by spouses during a housing tour last year. Some of the improvements include more cabinet space, white ceramic tile flooring and more sinks in the bathrooms, such as shown in this two-bedroom unit.

Photos of renovated units have already been taken and civil engineers are currently working on the program.

Other housing area improvements include more gazebos, picnic tables and recycling containers in the playground areas, further improving base quality of life.

According to Lopez, Congress allocated Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex additional money to accelerate building renovations. As a result, 17 additional base housing units are scheduled for renovations in February. Lopez estimates in another nine years, Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex housing renovations will be complete.

"It's all kind of messy right now," said Lopez. "But within the next few months, as projects are completed, it'll be better. I'd say, in another six years, this base will look completely different with all the improvements that are going on and are planned."

Spang airmen make space for new arrivals

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Under the Rhein-Main initiative, four new 96-room dormitories will be built in 2004-2006. The problem is, the present dorms are currently full and new airmen originally slated for arrival to Spangdahlem in September are arriving now.

To house the new airmen, base housing officials and wing leadership have offered about 100 Spangdahlem Air Base higher-ranking senior airmen the opportunity to move off base. Many of the airmen were e-mailed the news.

"I was ecstatic," said Senior Airman Jose Garcia, a 606th Air Control Squadron satellite communications technician with three years time in service. "I came to housing the first day and checked out what housing was available."

To prevent potential budget-management problems, the base housing office and the family support center worked together in creating a briefing covering many of the more challenging aspects of living off-base. A base financial counselor teaches budget basics and housing referral counselors offer guidance on negotiating rental contracts.

Help is also available for airmen needing a translator when a landlord doesn't speak English. Airman can set up an appointment for translation assistance by contacting the housing office.

To make finding an off-base residence easier for airmen working in shops with high operations tempo, the housing office created and distributed rental catalogs in dormitory dayrooms so airmen can look at their convenience.

The furnishings management office can also lend out temporary furniture to airmen who don't already have their own table or bed until they're able to afford it.

"We understand for young airman it can sometimes take a few months before they can afford furnishings on their own," Lopez said.

Scheduled to review a rental contract in early June, Garcia said he looks forward to having a place of his own, a little more room and increased privacy.

Plan for smooth move during PCS season

By Maj. Inez Sookma
52nd Transportation Squadron

It's that time of year again. School's out, summer's here and it's peak moving season for the Defense Department employees. It doesn't matter if you're married or single, live in government quarters, dormitories or on the economy — being prepared for your move applies to all.

We all train in our daily jobs and prepare for the mission, but what about when it comes to moving? Most problems that arise while moving are often created by a failure to carry out obligations or a lack of planning.

A successful move depends on preparation. According to the commercial moving industry association, people should arrange moving plans at least 30 days in advance. However, during DoD's "peak season" from May through September members should begin preparing about 70 days in advance.

One of the most important things members can do to start the process is visit the base traffic management office as soon as orders are in hand. The further in advance TMO receives the orders and schedules packing and pickup dates, the more likely members will get the dates they want.

It also helps to be flexible when selecting a pickup date. It's not wise to schedule the pickup on the same day a lease terminates or a cleaning crew is scheduled to arrive. Scheduling pickup on one of these days leaves no room to adjust to unforeseen problems. Also, limited agent capability in the summer means not everyone can move on the last or the first day of the month.

There are only four major carrier agents serving the Eifel region. These agents solicit business from as far away as The Netherlands



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
Master Sgt. Rick Pasamante, 23rd Fighter Squadron production superintendent, and his daughter Arianna, tape a box to be included in their household goods shipment to Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

and Belgium. Waiting too long to schedule a packing and pick-up date may result in getting a date past the PCS deadline.

The moving industry suggests scheduling a two-day pickup date, providing flexibility to meet individual needs. Keep at least one phone connected until the packing and pickup is complete so all parties involved can stay in contact.

Try not to schedule other appointments while moving or request last minute schedule changes. This often disrupts service for other members and can result in losing previously scheduled dates.

People moving or their releasing agents (people acting under a current power of attorney or under an informal letter of authority signed by the member) must be present on scheduled packing and pickup dates from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If the carrier arrives and there's no one present for packing and pickup, the carrier may terminate services and charge waiting time at your expense.

Separate household goods from valuables, including currency, jewelry, credit cards, passports, airline tickets and other expensive or sensitive items. Also, don't leave these items lying around or the packers may accidentally pack them.

Place unaccompanied baggage and personal carry-on items in a separate area.

During the inventory process, it's important to work closely with the carrier's representative while preparing the inventory ensuring mutual agreement. Disagreements are best handled when the inventory is being prepared. Use the remarks section of the inventory for disagreements.

It's routine for the carrier to use "MCU" (mechanical condition unknown) on all electronic items. Further, it's the moving family's responsibility to ensure professional books, paper, and equipment are specifically identified on the inventory.

Contact the responsible destination transportation office upon arrival to the final destination. During the peak season, remain flexible when choosing a delivery date.

Upon delivery of the household goods, ensure the items are unpacked and reassembled. Once block 14b of the DD Form 1840/1840R (Notice of Loss or Damage) is signed, the move is considered complete and no additional services are required of the contractor, including box and debris pickups.

If a shipment is damaged, it's important to list an estimate of damage or loss on DD Form 1840 and contact the local claims office. Forward DD Form 1840/1840R to the legal office within 70 days of delivery.

These are only a few suggestions to help ensure a successful move. Visit www.mtmc.army.mil/property/default.htm, www.defenselink.mil/specials/itsyourmove, intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil/52LG/trns/ltgt/t.htm or call the base TMO office at 452-5154 for more information.

From the very beginning, those moving and the agent should stay personally involved, ensuring a positive moving experience.



■ Brianna Catherine Martin was born at 11:00 p.m. April 11 to Airman 1st Class Keith and Sarah Martin. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 3/4-inches long. Martin is assigned to the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

■ Jacob Dylan Mandeville was born at 10:00 a.m. May 11 to Staff Sgt. Justin and Jamie Mandeville. He weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 1/2-inches long. Mandeville is assigned to the 52nd Communications Squadron.

■ Aaron William Redlinger was born at 8:07 a.m. May 15 to Master Sgt. Todd and Anna Redlinger. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/2-inches long. Redlinger is assigned to the 52nd Supply Squadron.

■ Jovan Alijah Martin was born at 10:13 p.m. May 15 to Staff Sgt. Jason and Chira Martin. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 7/8-inches long. Martin is assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

■ Caleb Austin Sparks was born at 7:25 a.m. May 19 to Staff Sgts. Chris and Laura Sparks. He weighed 9 pounds, 3.2 ounces and was 21-inches long. They are assigned to the 52nd CES and 52nd CS, respectively.

■ Gabriel Esteban Garza was born at 3:10 a.m. May 23 to

Airman 1st Class Armando and Leticia Garza. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20-inches long. Garza is assigned to the 81st Fighter Squadron.

■ Miguel Antonio Santos was born at 5:49 a.m. May 24 to Staff Sgt. Juan and Helen Santos. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long. Santos is assigned to the 52nd Logistics Support Squadron.

■ Hannah Grace Ackerman was born at 5:06 p.m. May 24 to Staff Sgt. Anthony and Heather Ackerman. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20-inches long. Ackerman is assigned to the 52nd Transportation Squadron.

■ Jared Loren Williams was born at 4:59 a.m. May 25 to Capt Darrell and Lisa Williams. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long. Williams is assigned to the 52nd Comptroller Squadron.

■ Aaron Matthew Thibodeau was born at 11:07 p.m. May 26 to Airman 1st Class Jason and Rhiannon Thibodeau. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 1/2-inches long. Thibodeau is assigned to the 52nd CES.

■ Madison Mountain Gyles was born at 3:08 a.m. May 27 to Staff Sgt. Robert and Senior Airman Melissa Gyles. She weighed 7 pounds, 10.2 ounces and was 19 3/4-inches long. Both are assigned to the 52nd EMS.

■ Bradley Hunter Sarte was born at 7:14 a.m. May 29 to Senior Airman Joslyn and Shane Sarte. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 3/4-inches long. Sarte is assigned to the 606th Air Control Squadron.

■ Diego J Ascaso Infante was born at 9:50 a.m. May 30 to Staff Sgt. Chad Infante and Ana Ascaso. He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long. Infante is

assigned to the 372nd Training Detachment.

■ Justice Connor Fowler was born at 2:51 a.m. June 2 to Staff Sgt. Mark and Senior Airman Cecilia Fowler. He weighed 8 pounds, 10.8 ounces and was 21 1/2-inches long. Both are assigned to the 52nd Security Forces Squadron.

■ Hayden Alec Hestilow was born at 3:38 p.m. June 5 to TSgt Scott and Jennifer Hestilow. He weighed 7 pounds, 5.4 ounces and was 20 1/8-inches long. Hestilow is assigned to the 52nd Operations Support Squadron.

■ Gabriel Christopher Medaugh was born at 6:05 p.m. June 5 to Senior Airman Christopher and Corrina Medaugh. He weighed 6 pounds, 9.4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Medaugh is assigned to the 52nd Component Repair Squadron.

■ Javier Elijah Pharms was born at 12:53 a.m. June 8 to Airman 1st Class Sarita Pharms. He weighed 6 pounds, 7.8 ounces and was 19-inches long. Pharms is assigned to the 52nd Services Squadron.

■ Emily Anne MacLeod was born at 6:31 p.m. June 10 to Staff Sgt. Thomas and Kara MacLeod. She weighed 7 pounds, 12.6 ounces and was 19 3/4-inches long. MacLeod is assigned to the 52nd Medical Group.

■ Gabriela Louisa McHugh was born at 8:10 a.m. June 11 to Master Sgt. Kevin and Elisabeth McHugh. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2-inches long. McHugh is assigned to the 52nd LSS.

■ Chyla Oceana Lewis was born at 5:13 a.m. June 13 to Senior Airman Ronnie Jr. and Chivas Lewis. She weighed 6 pounds, 7.8 ounces and was 20-inches long. Lewis is assigned to the 752nd Munitions Support Squadron.



Community Mailbox

Soccer camp

The Bobby Charlton Soccer Camp for boys and girls ages 8-17 takes place July 16-20. Sessions meet 9 a.m. to noon and 2-5 p.m. Cost is \$10. Register at the Spangdahlem Air Base youth center, building 427 or call 452-7545 for details.

Family support center news

The following classes take place in building 307 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6422 for details or to register.

■Deployment briefings 8-9 a.m. July 10, 24 and 31.

■Key spouse program 9 a.m. July 9.

■Sponsor training 3-4 p.m. Thursday and July 19.

The following classes take place in building 2001 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

■Resume writing 5-7 p.m. July 10 and 8-11 a.m. July 24.

■Deployment briefings 8-9 a.m. July 11 and 25.

■Key spouse program noon to 1:30 p.m. July 27.

■Mommy and me craft 9-10 a.m. Monday.

Middle school summer library

The Spangdahlem Middle School summer library opens 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Dawn Streicher-Mills at 452-7205.

Mothers of Preschoolers events

Mothers of Preschoolers Girls Night Out takes place 6:45 p.m. July 12 in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Activities include a Christian comedienne video, board games and crafts. Participants should bring finger food to share.



Zeno Henninger

Anticipation

Bitburg Elementary School students watch as construction workers build the school's new playground. During the school year, the elementary school playground remained closed through much of the year because of damage due to age deterioration, wear and tear and vandalism. People witnessing vandalism of the new base playground equipment should ask the violators to stop or call the law enforcement desk at 06565-61114.

The MOPS and Protestant Women of the Chapel barbeque takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 28 at the Spangdahlem Air Base picnic area near the child development center. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. For more information, call Darla Kelly at 06561-683677.

Holland sightseeing

The Eifel Wanderers Volksmarching Club Holland Beach and Amsterdam sightseeing event takes place Aug. 4-5. Cost is \$85 for adults and \$45 for children. For more information, call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184 or visit the club's web site at eifelwanderers.jumpoutdoors.com.

Summer day camp

The Cub Scouts local chapter seeks volunteers to help with summer day camp

July 9-14. Specifically, the Scouts need nature, sports and outdoor directors, and den leaders. The camp is designed to encourage and teach boys to use leadership skills. Call Gary Hackl at 06553-1745 or John Kennedy at 06561-948843 for details or to sign up.

The Age of the Dinosaur Day Camp costs \$45 per Scout or \$52 for new Scouts. The week includes archery, nature skills, crafts, BB-gun marksmanship, digging for dinosaur bones and eggs, sports and games. Daily bus transportation is provided to and from the camp for Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex.

Education office news

■The Air Command and Staff College study group takes place Aug. 1 through June. Active-duty military major selects or above, GS-11 or above federal employees or

international officers serving with the Air Force may apply. Call Gregory Willis at 452-6335.

■Embry-Riddle University offers air carrier operations July 27. The three-week course can be applied toward a master's degree. Call 452-7553 for details.

■Register now for Air War College non-resident studies. The college features special programs for active-duty, Guard, Reserve members.

■Veterans Education Assistance Program participants are eligible to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill through Oct. 31. Certain eligible active-duty members have the opportunity to increase Chapter 30 benefits by \$5,400 by making a maximum contribution of \$600.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 for more information.

School registration

Parents of Spangdahlem Middle School students should register their children now for the next school year. Visit the school from 8 a.m. to noon or 1:30-3 p.m.

Pre-school opportunities

■The Bunny Club meets at 10 a.m. each Thursday in the Bitburg Annex building 2, stairwell 7-8 playroom. Call Michelle Linnen at 452-3130 for details.

■Ready, Set, Grow meets at 11 a.m. each Wednesday in Bitburg Annex building 2, stairwell 7-8 playroom. Call Cindy Gabehart at 452-3130 for details.

■The Spangdahlem playgroup meets at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday in Spangdahlem Air Base military family housing unit 422C. Call Suzanne Furman at 452-8279 for details.

■Story hour takes place at the Bitburg Annex Library at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday and at the Spangdahlem Air Base Library at 9:30 a.m. each Thursday. Call 452-6203 or 452-9056 for details.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Shrek (PG)

HIDEOUS green monster, Shrek, sets out on a quest to find the perfect princess for his kingdom's ruler- and terrifies everyone he meets during his adventures. Based on the picture book by William Steig. Starring Cameron Diaz and John Lithgow. (Language and crude humor.)

Saturday

Shrek

Sunday

Shrek (4 p.m.)**Josie and the Pussycats (PG-13)**

Life-long friends are determined to take their garage band into the stratosphere — while staying true to their own look, style and sound. Then one day they're discovered and offered success beyond their wildest dreams. Starring Rachel Leigh Cook and Tara Reid. (Sensuality and language.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Shrek (4 p.m.)**Pearl Harbor (PG-13)**

It was the end of innocence, and the dawn of a nation's greatest glory. Pearl Harbor follows the fictional story of two best friends, Rafe and Danny, and their love lives as they go off to join World War II.

Thursday

Shrek**Spangdahlem Skyline**

Tonight

Pearl Harbor

Saturday

Pearl Harbor

Sunday

Pearl Harbor

Monday

Blow (R)

George was just your average small-town American boy who decided to pursue the American Dream his way — by becoming the first American to import cocaine to the United States on a large scale. Soon, he was sleeping, breathing and eating money, living out a fantastic, no-rules lifestyle many have dreamed about. But no matter what he did, he could never get the only thing he truly wanted: a love that couldn't be taken from him.

Tuesday

Freddy Got Fingered (R)

When the 28-year old Gord decides he wants to be an animator, quits his job and returns home to live in his parents' basement, his father is neither amused nor proud. Dad thinks Gord is a slacker who should grow up and get out of the house. But Gord won't budge, and father and son embark on an war that ends up taking them halfway around the world.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Experience European culture in Bitburg

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Team Eifel members can get a taste of European culture in Bitburg July 6-9 at the European Folk Festival when more than 30 groups from 18 countries come together to present traditional dances and music.

More than 60,000 visitors are expected to arrive for the annual festival, which has gained popularity over the years. Entertainment takes place in three areas of town: in front of the Beda Platz, near the county administration building and on the corner of Trierer Strasse and Petersplatz.

Activities begin July 6 at 8 p.m. with music and entertainment by the Jukebox dance band in the festival tent.

Festivities continue July 7 with dance performances taking place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Am Spittel and on Petersplatz. A special children's performance kicks off at 3 p.m. in the festival tent, including pantomime, Lettlandan, Newseelandan, Brazilian and local folk-dances.

Then, at 8 p.m., performers from 18 different countries march into the festival tent, kicking-off an evening of international dance. People should arrive early to find good seats.

A Caribbean night party with salsa and samba music takes place at 8 p.m. on the outdoor festival stage.

Activities continue July 8 in the festival tent at 11 a.m. with an early morning concert, European brunch and folk-dancing performances. People can register for the



Courtesy photo

Dancers take to the Bitburg streets during last year's folk festival.

brunch by calling 06561-968330. Cost is 28 DM per adult.

At 2:30 p.m. the European Folk Festival parade begins. Roads will be blocked-off from vehicle traffic. Arrive early to find a good parking spot. Folk dancing continues 4-6 p.m. on the festival stage.

Hungarian music and dances, including Gypsy music, takes place 8 p.m. on the festival stage. Folk music and dances continue until 10 p.m. at Am Spittal and Petersplatz.

July 9, the last day of the event, features more dancing and entertainment beginning at 4 p.m., lasting through midnight.

A great farewell festival takes place at 8 p.m. in the festival tent while a Mallorca party kicks-off at 8 p.m. on the outdoor festival stage. Music and folk dances continues 8-10 p.m. on Am Spittal and on Petersplatz.

Amusement rides are set up for the festival and families are offered special prices Monday, during Family Day.



Out and about



■Purchase tickets now for the Classic Open Air, a concert featuring the world famous singer Jose Carreras and the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg. The event takes place at 9 p.m. at the Luxembourg Parvis des Foires Internationales (north entrance.) For tickets and information, call 00352-90075900.

■The 11th Niederkill Country and Truck Drivers festival takes place today through Saturday at the Niederkill sports grounds. Today's schedule includes a display of trucks at 4 p.m. and music and entertainment by DJ Stefan from Badem tailored towards the younger generations. Activities continue Saturday with a breakfast and children's entertainment, offering a jumping castle, a carousel, horse wagon ride to take place between 2 and 6 p.m., and more. There will be a blessing ceremony of trucks in the afternoon.

■Visit a flea market Sunday at the Dreis Drey's hall, along the Uerzig Mosel shore, along the Zeltingen Mosel shore and on Trier-West Hornstrasse.

■A popular flea market with antiques, food and entertainment takes place Sunday in the idyllic village of Roth an der Our.

■The town of Saarburg will host their 25th Markttag today through Sunday, featuring more than 100 sales stands, music and entertainment.

■See the Endurance FM motorcycle World Championship races, Saturday at the renowned Nuerburgring race track. For tickets or information, call 02691-

302-620 or go to www.nuerburgring.de.

■A children's circus workshop takes place Monday through Thursday at the Gaytal park. For more information, call 06566-96930 or go to www.gaytalpark.de.

■Enjoy a wine festival July 6-7 in the Mosel town of Zeltingen-Rachtig.

■Visit a flea market July 8 at the Bitburg Flugplatz hall, inside and outside the Kroev Halle, at the Pruem Markt hall, in front of the Schweich Edeka store, in front of the Mayen OBI Markt, at the Koblenz Casto Depot, along the Traben-Trarbach Mosel shore, along the Vallendar Rhine river and at the Bad Kreuznach Pfingswiese grounds.

■Participate in or watch the 8th International Pruem valley run at 5:30 p.m. in Irrel. To register, call Peter Michaeli at 06525-520 or email anmeldung@pruemtallauf.de. For additional information, visit www.pruemtallauf.de.

■Attend 'Hahn in Motion,' featuring a variety of first-class entertainment in the air and on the ground, Aug. 18-19. Details about the event will be printed in a future edition of the Eifel Times.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in July. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex community center at 452-9120 for details.

■Disneyland Paris, July 4. Cost is

\$85 for adults, \$75 for children ages 3-11.

■Rhein in flames, July 7. Cost is \$80 per person.

■Paris express, July 7. Cost is \$89 for adults, \$75 for children ages 3-17.

■Warner Brothers Movie World, July 7. Cost is \$55 for adults, \$50 for children 4-11.

■Castles of the Eifel, July 8. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$30 for children ages 4-17.

■Heidelberg castle illumination, July 14. Cost is \$40 for adults, \$35 for children ages 3-12.

■Mosel River cruise, dinner and wine-tasting, July 14. Cost is \$48 per person.

■Cologne zoo and aquarium, July 15. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$25 for children ages 3-12.

■London express, July 20-21. Cost is \$99 for adults, \$89 for children ages 3-12.

■Paris overnight, July 21-22. Cost is \$185 for adults, \$130 for children ages 3-12.

■Brugge, Belgium express, July 21. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 for children ages 3-12.

■Cochem medieval dinner, July 28. Cost is \$65 per person.

■Three-countries express, July 28. Cost is \$75 for adults, \$70 for children ages 3-12.

■PhantasiaLand theme park, July 29.

Cost is \$45 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-12.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in July. Call 452-7176 for details.

■Tour de France camping trip, July 6-8. Cost is 120 per person. Minimum age is 18, unless accompanied by an adult.

■Ice caves in Birresborn for children ages 6-12, July 11. Cost is \$15 per child.

■Bicycle maintenance class and ride for youth ages 13-18, July 12. Cost is \$10 per person.

■Luxembourg rafting, hiking and camping trip; July 14-15. Cost is \$50 for adults, \$30 for children or \$140 per family. Minimum age is 6.

■Eifel Park for children ages 3-5, July 18. Cost is \$15 per child.

■Environmental seminar, nature trail hike and clean up for children ages 6-12; July 19. Free.

■Luxembourg cave rappel, July 21. Cost is \$30 per person. Minimum age is 14.

■Open day at the ropes course, July 22. Cost is \$25 per person. Minimum age is 12.

■Climbing wall and ropes course for youth ages 13-18, July 25. Cost is \$20 per person.

■Daun Nature Park for children ages 3-5, July 26. Cost is \$20 per child.

Sabers slam Baumholder in doubleheader

By Richard Aldridge
Lady Sabers Softball team coach

The Lady Saber Softball team continue their stellar defense as the team whopped Baumholder in a doubleheader this past weekend.

Leslie Brandt was one of the many stars in the first game as the first year pitcher tossed a three-hit one-run game. She also helped her cause by going 4-4 with 7 RBIs. Spangdahlem AB won 20-1.

The second game started right where the first one left off with solid hits and a solid defense. Mandy Snyder was the leader this game going 3-4, but the three hits were all home runs. Defense kept any Baumholder threats at bay and the batters took care of the rest as the Sabers pounded out more than 20 hits to secure a 24-4 victory.

Other hot-hitters include Julie Rice 7-7 with six RBIs, Caroyne Borel 6-7 with five RBIs, and Jackie Koughl 5-7 with four RBIs.

The Lady Sabers take on K-town July 7 on their home turf.

On June 16th, the Lady Sabers swept the 2001 Ramstein Invitational Softball Tournament.

The team opened the tournament the night prior by beating cross-town rival Ramstein. June 16 saw them in a close battle with Mannheim, but some outstanding defense and a solid offensive punch throughout the lineup preserved the victory.

June 17, The Sabers met Heidelberg. The only two undefeated teams went head to head for the first couple of innings until Heidelberg took a four-run lead going into the fifth inning. Not willing to bow to the pressure, the Lady Sabers stepped up and pushed across 11 runs in the final inning and winning the game as time expired. The victory pushing them into the championship game.

Heidelberg would go on to beat K-town for the right to meet the Sabers in the Championship. Spangdahlem wasted little time in showing the crowd that they owned bragging rights. Pushing three runs across in the first inning, the defense took over and shut the Lady Generals down.

The top of the seventh saw Heidelberg mount a comeback. The Lady Generals quickly loaded the bases, but once again the Lady Saber's "never say die" defense allowed only two runs to runs before a perfect throw to the plate gunning down the third out.



Staying on track

Staff Sgt. Michelle Higginbotham, 52nd Fighter Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office, jogs on the Spangdahlem track recently. Wing members who would like assistance in setting up their own personal fitness program should contact Health and Wellness Center at 452-9355.

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer

All-stars hit big in Little League championships

By Bill Rogers
Spangdahlem Little League stringer

The Spangdahlem Little League All-Stars swept three games to win the Germany Little League Championship from a field of five teams on Thursday. Ben Rosen pitched two outstanding games for the Eifel team, throwing a variety of fastballs and off-speed pitches, to shut down Stuggart 12-4 in the opening game and Heidelberg in the championship

game, 2-0. In the second game, David Murray overpowered Kaiserslautern with a blistering fastball in leading the team to a 6-3 victory.

Rosen, who also hit two home runs in the opener, was named outstanding player of the game and Murray received the same honors in the second game, adding a home run. Chad Bible, who played first base for the series, hit a solo shot

in game three, earning player of the game honors. Jon Strawther powered a home run over the left field fence in game two.

The other all-stars are Eric Hernandez, Lee Jenkins, Gordon O'Heame, Will Rogers, Matt Sherrier, Brandon Updike, and Gary Vogt. The team is coached by Eifel veteran Scott Updike and the newly-arrived father-son team of Tom and Drew Gilbert. The 11-

and 12-year-old boys are selected from four regular season teams playing for Eifel East and West.

After winning the championship, the team travels to Poland to compete for the Trans-Atlantic Championship from July 8-17, 2001. The team winning the double-elimination tournament in Poland will travel to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Spangdahlem youth activities center reduces sports fees

By Larry Hileman
52nd Services Squadron

The Spangdahlem Air Base Youth Activities Center has made an across-the-board reduction in youth sports program fees.

Beginning with registration for flag football and soccer in mid-July, all fees will be \$25 per child per sport. Additionally, youth sports has done away with facility use fees.

There will be no hidden costs associated with the reduction in the sports fees, according to youth sports program officials. A number of initiatives have been identified and will be implemented to compensate for the loss of income resulting from the sports fee reduction. Team Eifel can also look forward to several other initiatives coming on line soon.

First, the youth activities center will establish a rental and retail outlet in Spangdahlem AB building 458. Three bouncy castles have been purchased and will

be available for rent by the local military community in mid-July. The castles are popular for children's birthday parties, social gatherings and squadron functions.

Next, in the August-September time frame, a computerized embroidery outlet opens to meet the needs of individuals and organizations wanting to personalize shirts, hats, and jackets. Letters can be monogrammed on towels, linens and clothing items.

Also, as the embroidery outlet opens, a resale trophy operation will also make its debut. The trophy shop will be a trophies-only outlet for installation organizations and squadrons.

Finally, when the school-age program building in Bitburg is completed in November, the existing building will undergo renovations and be turned into an open recreation program for preteens and teens.

Additional near-future initiatives include:

■ Expanding the existing sports program to include girls volleyball, junior wrestling, in-line or deck hockey.

■ Submitting a variety of packages for monetary grants to enhance baseball and flag football programs.

■ Realigning members throughout the youth activities center programs for a more efficient operation.

■ Certifying 100 percent of all youth sports coaches, securing space to provide a legitimate open recreation program at Spangdahlem AB; and

■ Restructuring the youth sports advisory committee to include commissioners from all sports and parents from all age groups.

By enhancing existing programs and establishing new recreation and athletic programs, Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex communities are heading toward exciting times by further improving high quality-of-life standards.